

# NEWS RELEASE



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Closures for I-5 HOV Improvement Project (SR-118 to SR-170)

*San Fernando Valley* — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the following lanes, ramps and connectors of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) as part of a \$140-million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are subject to change.

*Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15*

- Up to two lanes of Southbound I-5 from Branford St. to Laurel Canyon Blvd.  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Branford St. Off-Ramp  
TIME: 8: p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Connector to Eastbound/Westbound SR-118  
TIME: 11:59 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Up to two lanes of Northbound I-5 from Laurel Canyon Blvd. to Branford St.  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The following northbound I-5 on- and off-ramps will be closed through January 2012: Sheldon St., Osborne St., Van Nuys Blvd. (off-ramp only).

The southbound I-5 Van Nuys Boulevard on-ramp will be closed through January 2012.

### About the Project

Caltrans is constructing an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). The project is also widening four undercrossings, replacing sections of pavement, and building a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

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Work began in August 2010 and is on track for completion in late 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.



For more information, visit [www.I-5info.com](http://www.I-5info.com).

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